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SUBJECT: THAI-BURMA RELATIONS

1 THAI DCM CONFIRMED JUNE 30 THAT SEVERAL GROUPS OF JAILED THAI FISHERMEN HAVE BEEN RELEASED AND REPATRIATED SINCE PRIME MINISTER KIRANGSAK'S VISIT. ALTOGETHER SOME 60 HAVE GONE SO FAR, LEAVING ABOUT 100 STILL IN DETENTION. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE BURMESE ARE INSISTING THAT ALL SENTENCES BE SERVED, THEY HAVE BEEN MUCH MORE SCRUPULOUS SINCE KIRANGSAK'S VISIT ABOUT NOTIFYING THE THAI EMBASSY WHEN THE RELEASES CAN BE MADE. HE SAID THAT THE PRACTICE PREVIOUSLY WAS TO ALLOW THE FISHERMEN TO LANGUISH IN JAIL SEVERAL MONTHS AFTER THE SENTENCES WERE COMPLETED. THERE HAVE BEEN NO NEW ARRESTS, HE SAID, SINCE THE VISIT, SO AS YET THERE HAS BEEN NO OPPORTUNITY TO SEE HOW EXPEDITIOUSLY DETAINED FISHERMEN WILL BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL.

2. THE THAI OFFICIAL ALSO SAID THAT A TEN MAN ECONOMIC MISSION, HEADED BY DEPUTY MINISTER OF PLANNING AND FINANCE, U MYO MYINT, WILL LEAVE FOR BANGKOK JULY 2 FOR TALKS ON BILATERAL TRADE, ANOTHER FOLLOW-ON TO THE KIRANGSAK VISIT. HE SAID THERE WAS NO AGENDA, THAT THE TALKS WERE ONLY EXPLORATORY. HE THOUGHT BURMA'S MAIN OBJECTIVE WOULD BE TO SEEK THAI HELP IN CONTROLLING CROSS BORDER SMUGGLING.

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3. IN GENERAL, THE THAI OBSERVED THAT THE ATMOSPHERE FOR THEM IN RANGOON HAD BECOME NOTICEABLY WARMER IN THE PAST MONTH. THE BURMESE ARE NOW ACCEPTING THEIR INVITATIONS TO SOCIAL EVENTS AND THEY ENJOY MUCH EASIER ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.
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